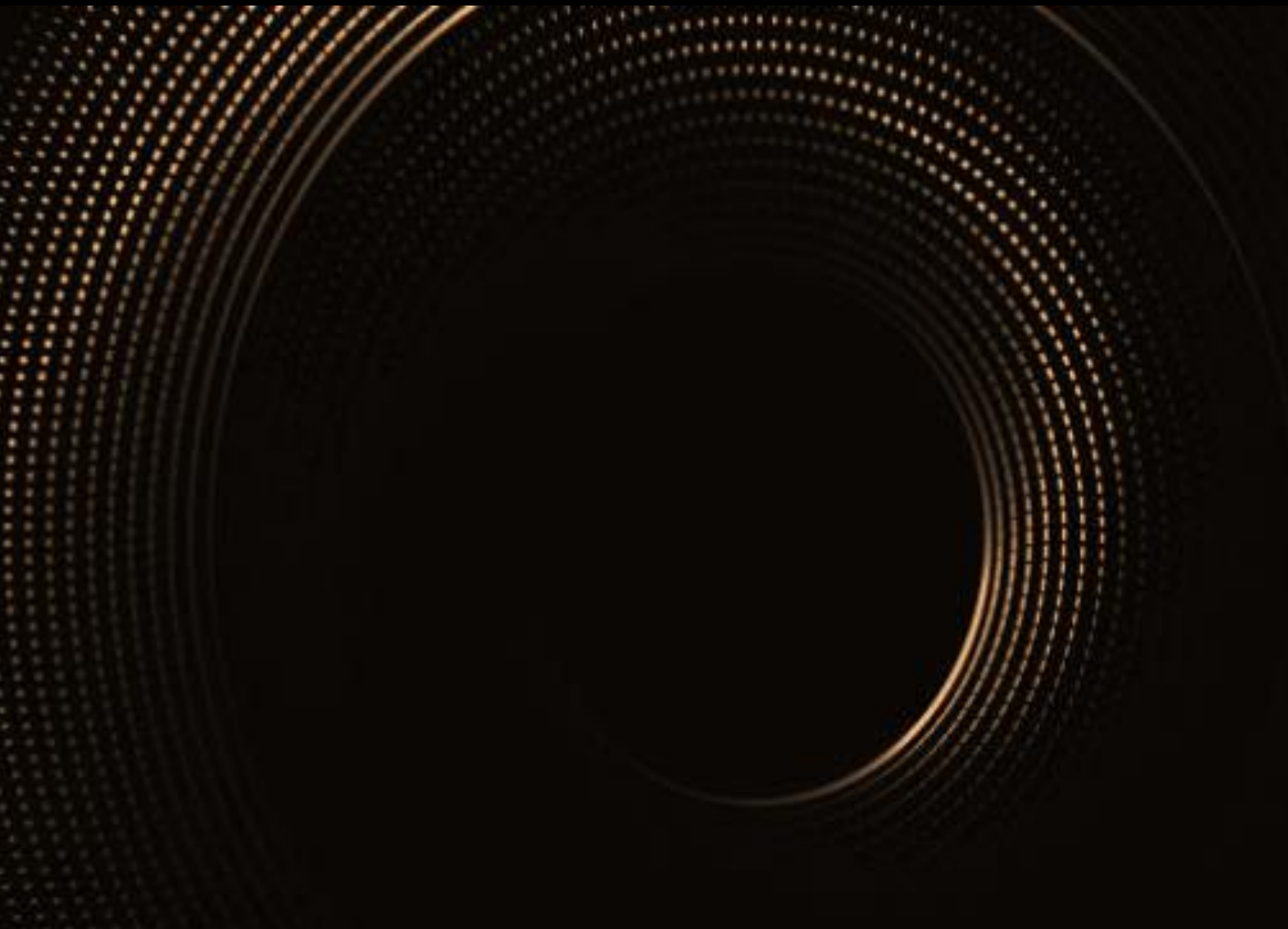


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Ecclesiasticus 17:5-7

“Ingredients for Understanding and Discernment”



⁵ They received the use of the five operations of the Lord, and in the sixth place he imparted them understanding, and in the seventh, speech, an interpreter of the cogitations thereof.

⁶ Counsel, and a tongue, and eyes, ears, and a heart, gave he them to understand.

⁷ Withal, he filled them with the knowledge of understanding, and shewed them good and evil.

Humans have been given

attributes so that we may understand and discern. According to this passage, there are 5 senses to help us: counsel (sound doctrine, godly advice), a tongue (to ask questions and seek truth), eyes and ears (to see and hear during searching), a heart (godly spirituality).

Humans have the capability to know and understand

and choose between good and evil. Consider how the tree of knowledge of good and evil was placed in the midst of the Garden of Eden. Believers should not be naive and unaware that evil exists.

We have been given certain characteristics so that we not be ignorant in this world.

We have the needed
ingredients for the recipe
of understanding and
discernment.